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Applicant:

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## LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

November 26, 2002

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of time for two (2) month(s) to November 28, 2002 for filing a reply to the Office Action dated June 28, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application.

- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27  $\Box$ The fee has been calculated as shown below:
- $\boxtimes$ NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for filing the response. Thus a fee of \$400.00 for an extension of two (2) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a) is required.
- ( ) month(s) for filing a reply was An extension of previously petitioned and paid for on . Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required for obtaining an additional ( ) month(s) for filing a reply.
- A check in the amount of \$400.00 is attached.  $\boxtimes$
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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